

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

#SS 368

The University of Mississippi (UM) anticipates purchasing the item(s) listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase as a sole source shall follow the procedures outlined below.

Commodity or commodities to be purchased (manufacturer, model, description):

PRISM BIO-SWIR Imaging System from MediLumine Inc.

The need to be fulfilled by this item(s) and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:

This equipment allows for imaging of full bodies of mice in the near infrared (NearIR) region of the electromagnetic spectrum with real time imaging to monitor IR probes after injection, full compatibility with the XIC-3 isolation chamber for multimodal imaging with IVIS Lumina III, and compatible with an external illumination source with adjustable power density for single wavelengths (including 1064nm) with output of 30 watts and dual wavelength with output of 30 watts for each wavelength. In order to study the injection of probes in the NearIR in mice we need to image full bodies of mice in with real time imaging without motorized filter wheels in system and require full compatibility with the XIC-3 isolation chamber for multimodal imaging with the IVIS Lumina III, and the system needs to be compatible with an external illumination source with adjustable power density for single wavelength (including 1064nm) with output of 30 watts and dual wavelength with output of 30 watts for each wavelength.

Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):

Stephen Marchant, Chief Executive Officer MediLumine Inc. Email: stephen.marchant@medilumine.com Tel. 1 514 929 9744 www.medilumine.com. Numerous thorough investigations were conducted on the internet, through reaching out to faculty members from various universities, and by attending trade shows held at regional, national, and international conferences. No other system met the requirements.

Why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

The cost includes installation, training and a discount. The NearIR region is a new area of research that offers very good image quality but is very expensive. This will be the first product created with these specifications and the significant discount reflects this company's entry into this area.

Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:

The discount was negotiated and represents a significant savings for the state. The individual components going into the system collectively will be valued at close to the full purchase price if purchased separately.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties:

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the item(s) above should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for UM to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the Sole Source purchase.

1.1 Interested Party Information

1.1.1 Contact Name, Phone Number, Address and email address

1.1.2 Company Website URL, if applicable

1.2 Objection to Sole Source Certification

1.2.1 Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification using the criteria listed above.

1.2.2 A statement regarding the Interested Party's capabilities as related to this Sole Source Certification Request.

1.3 Comments will be accepted any time prior to Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 10:00 am (Central Time) to Frank Kemp or Jeff Wells at bids@olemiss.edu (with Cc: to purchase@olemiss.edu) at The University of Mississippi Procurement Services Department, 164 Jeanette Phillips Drive, PO Box 1848, University, Mississippi 38677. Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, or e-mail.

The envelope or email should reference the sole source number. U M WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES. It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach UM on time. Interested Parties may contact Frank Kemp or Jeff Wells to verify the receipt of their Responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, UM determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then UM will withdraw the sole source certification and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

If UM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then UM will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board for approval to purchase.